

RECOGNIZING EDUARDO ILAO ON RECEIVING THE 2013 U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S FAMILY-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS AWARD FOR GUAM

HON. MADELINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend and congratulate Mr. Eduardo Ilaon on being awarded the 2013 U.S. Small Business Administration's Family-Owned Small Business Award for Guam. Mr. Ilaon is the president of Johndel International, Inc. dba JMI-Edison E.R. Ilaon & Associates, Inc.

Johndel International, Inc. dba JMI-Edison was founded in 1978 by Mr. Ilaon's father Mr. John M. Ilaon. Today, Johndel International, Inc. dba JMI-Edison is led by Mr. John Ilaon's children: Eduardo, John Jr., and Beth. Johndel Incorporated dba JMI Edison comprises four separate companies offering products and services to the industrial, commercial, and medical industries serving Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, the Federated States of Micronesia, the republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Philippines.

At the young age of 16, Eduardo and his brother John worked at their family's motor rewinding business. Their introduction to their father's business began by sweeping the floor, cutting paper, and performing other necessary tasks associated with and necessary to the motor rewinding business. His father's work ethic and tireless commitment to satisfying his customers became the foundation for Edward's education in successful business practices. He was inspired by his father's work ethic and tireless commitment to satisfying his customers. Edward knew that his father was the ultimate perfectionist and that his business motto was, "whatever you decide to do, do it right the first time."

Because of their hard work, the Ilaon family's modest motor rewinding business grew into one of Guam's successful family corporations, and, in 1987, when his father retired, Eduardo seamlessly stepped up to the plate. He now leads the JMI Edison group companies with the assistance of his younger siblings, John and Beth, and a dedicated team of loyal, long-time employees.

Eduardo is a 1983 graduate of the Illinois Institute of Technology where he earned a B.S. in electrical engineering. In 1986, the Illinois Institute of Technology awarded Eduardo a Master of Science degree in electrical engineering. Returning to Guam and his family business, Eduardo passed the Professional Engineer examination and was issued his license as a professional electrical engineer in Guam, the CNMI, and California. Eduardo and his wife Genilie Ilaon have been married for over 24 years and they have five children: Genevieve, George, Gerilyn, John Edward, and Gemilie.

Like his father, Eduardo is an active member in our island community, participating in philanthropic organizations, government service, business associations, and professional societies. He previously served as the Chairman of the American Red Cross from 2004 to 2007. He has been a board member of the American Red Cross since 2002 and served as its Chairman from 2004 to 2007. He is the

President of the Batangas and Southern Tagalog Association (BASTA), a board member of the Guam Girl Scouts, a member of the Filipino Community of Guam, and helped in fundraising efforts for the Ajuda Foundation. He is also active in numerous government service agencies. He was previously the Vice Chairman of the Board of the Guam Power Authority, he was on the Board of Trustee for the Guam Community College (GCC), he is a board member of the GCC Endowment Foundation and he is a board member of the Port Authority of Guam. Eduardo is also a member of Guam's business associations, specifically, the Guam Chamber of Commerce, the Guam Contractors Association, and the Guam Hotel and Restaurant Association. His participation in professional societies include: National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE), Guam Society of Professional Engineers (GSPE), Association of Energy Engineers (AEE), American Solar Energy Society (ASES), National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and the American Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists.

Eduardo has extensive experience in the design, construction, management, financing, operation, maintenance, troubleshooting, and repairs of a wide array of Electrical Engineering projects and systems. He has expertise in Power, Computer Engineering, Control Systems, and most especially, Electro-Mechanical Machines. He is a Professional Electrical Engineer, a Certified Energy Manager, a Certified Energy Auditor, and a Licensed General and Specialty Contractor.

I congratulate Eduardo Ilaon on receiving the 2013 U.S. Small Business Administration's Family-Owned Small Business Award for Guam. I join the people of Guam in commending him for his award and thanking him for his contributions to our community.

RECOGNIZING MARY STEPHANY

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mary Stephany, a former teacher and current registrar at Guerin College Preparatory High School in River Grove, IL. Guerin College Preparatory High School is a Catholic learning community committed to the education and faith development of young men and women, and these goals are reflected in the work of Ms. Stephany.

Ms. Stephany began her career at Mother Theodore Guerin High School in 1965, and during her tenure she has taught numerous courses in the social science field and was Academic Coordinator for the school. Courses she taught were: Law, Humanities, AP Government, Citizen Politics, U.S. History, AP U.S. History, Interdisciplinary (Theology, English, Social Science), World History, AP European History, Economics, Geographic Concepts, Introduction to the Social Sciences, American Studies, and Sociology. She also coached the volleyball team and developed and moderated Educating Women for Leadership and Life, as well as the Mentor Program.

Ms. Stephany has earned professional honors including The Cardinal's Award for Distinguished Service in Education, recognition in

the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for work in Education, and selection for the three year program with the National Endowment for the Humanities. She was also chosen as an Ambassador to Chicago's Field Museum for 2003–2004. In this role, Ms. Stephany served on education advisory committees to the museum and mentored other teachers.

Ms. Stephany earned a BA from Marian University in Fond du Lac, WI, with further programs of study at the University of Chicago, University of Illinois, University Colorado (Boulder), Northwestern University, University of New Hampshire, St. Mary's College (Walnut Creek, CA.), Trinity University (San Antonio, TX), Bradley University, Northeastern University, University of Wisconsin (Madison), Kansas University, The Art Institute of Chicago, and Loyola University Chicago.

Since 1999, Mary has served on the Illinois 5th Congressional District Academy Review Board. She has evaluated many nominees on their qualifications for a Congressional Nomination to our U.S. Service Academies. These qualifications include character, leadership, academic preparation, community service, and extracurricular participation.

Thanks to Ms. Stephany's dedication, many young men and women in the 5th Congressional District have received "Offers of Appointment" to the U.S. Service Academies and are in leadership positions serving our Nation today.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in recognizing the years of dedication Mary Stephany has shown in education and service. Ms. Stephany has helped change the lives of many young women and men by providing them with the tools they need to succeed in their future endeavors. She is truly an inspiring figure in our community and I thank her for her years of service.

CONGRATULATING THE BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate an extraordinary team of young men from Maryland's Fifth Congressional District. The Bowie State University Bulldogs won the CIAA Men's Basketball Championship on March 2, 2013. This is their second conference championship in team history and second NCAA Tournament berth in three seasons. This incredible achievement was made all the more significant given the caliber of their competition.

Once in tournament play, the Bulldogs emerged victorious over Chowan University, Lincoln University, and Winston Salem State University to ultimately meet Livingston College in the conference championship game at Time Warner Cable Arena in Charlotte, North Carolina. The Bulldogs prevailed, overcoming the Livingston Blue Bears with a final score of 85–74.

This victory demonstrates that with determination, willpower, and discipline we can work to overcome any obstacle in the path of achieving success. After entering the tournament as a fourth seed, the Bowie State